

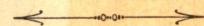
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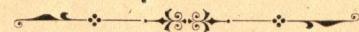
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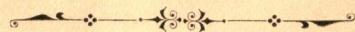
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PHILADELPHIA,

January 28th, 1883.

To the Congregation

OF THE

Church of the Holy Apostles:

It is customary, on this the fourth Sunday in January, for the Parish Association to make a full Report of the work of the year which has just passed; this is done with the two-fold object of encouraging those who have labored in the field, and of inciting others to come and help in the work which by reason of the very existence of a Christian Church is laid at our doors.

As the Association was originated in 1874, the present is the Ninth Annual Report brought before you.

The stated meetings have been held regularly on the fourth Wednesday evenings of the months of February, May, September, and November, and there have been several special meetings. At all these, the various Committees at work presented Reports of their operations.

In order that all the operations of the Parish may be concisely presented, the Reports of the Rector and Warden are always included in these Annual Statements, and also at the stated meetings.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly—twice on every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evening—throughout the entire year. There were the usual services upon Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, extra Lenten services, and meetings for the Confirmation Class.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other Parishes who have been with us as comparing very favorably with

their own, yet the Rector, to quote from our last Report, "is compelled to deplore the absence of many who should enter the courts of the Lord. There are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday-School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble, who yet are never seen in the Sanctuary. It is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association, should co-operate with him in inducing such persons to come to church."

The Rector also refers with great pleasure and deep gratitude to the successful effort which was made during the year to entirely free the Parish from debt, by the raising of the \$10,000 to extinguish the ground-rent. This result, owing to the liberality of an old and valued friend, who pledged one-half the amount, was accomplished, and the Church Building consecrated to the service of Almighty God on St. Mark's Day, April 25th. The Bishop was assisted in the services by the Rectors of the neighboring Parishes, and a large number of the Clergy of the Diocese were also present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., of Boston, the one who may really be called "the founder of the Parish," as it was mainly under his influence and exertions that the initial steps were taken in its organization, and by whose efforts the Church Building was erected. A memorial of this consecration has been preserved, with the signatures of the Clergy who were present, and views of the temporary and present buildings thereon.

A pleasing feature connected with the consecration was that the offertory was devoted towards the payment of the debt on St. Barnabas' Church, Haddington, under the care of the Rev. John G. Bawn.

This Church has since been also consecrated by the Bishop.

As the response of friends to the Rector's appeal for the half of the amount needed for the ground-rent, not pledged, was so generous and full, he found that he had sufficient to accomplish a greatly needed improvement; and with the full and hearty co-operation of the Vestry, under a Committee of its body acting with the Rector, the ceiling and walls of the Church have been decorated, new carpets laid upon the floors, and an eagle lectern

of carved oak and a new pulpit placed on the chancel platform. While these improvements were being made, the services were held in the Sunday-School Building.

The financial statement of the above will be found in the Accounting Warden's Report, which immediately follows this.

In view of the encouraging results thus noted—with buildings entirely free from debt, and supplied with all the conveniences for the carrying on of the work—the Rector trusts that the members of the Congregation will unite with him at the beginning of another Lenten season in a renewed consecration to the Master's service.

There have been, during 1882:

Number of Services held,	173
Infant Baptisms,	40
Adult "	5
Confirmed—Males,	18
Females,	16
Funerals attended,	34
Marriages solemnized,	32
Present Number of Communicants, about	500
Amount of Communion Offertories,	\$136.56

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday in the month, and Infant Baptism upon the fourth Sunday afternoons.

Since the Parish has been in existence, the summary of statistics is as follows:

Infant Baptisms,	728
Adult "	54
Confirmed—Fourteen occasions,	782
Funerals,	435
Marriages,	408
	150

The Accounting Warden reports the following statement of his accounts :

RECEIPTS.	
Pew-Rents,	\$2,089.95
Collections at Church Service,	876.54
Subscriptions within Parish,	387.16
" outside Parish,	477.50
" for Ground-Rent and Improvements,	12,160.00
Sunday-Schools,	111.17
Sale of Church Organ,	250.00
Entertainments—Parish Association Treasurer,	220.68
Amount carried forward,	\$16,573.00

Amount brought forward,	\$16,573.00
Excursion—Parish Association Treasurer,	19.50
Young Men's Association,	10.00
Interest,	411.89
Sale of Investment,	1,000.00
Sundries,	18.89
	\$18,033.28

EXPENDITURES.

Balance—Deficit, 1881,	\$299.71
Rector's and Sexton's Salaries, and Summer Supply,	2,429.38
Gas, Fuel, and Sundries,	648.40
Ground-Rent,	500.00
Music,	393.77
Repairs and Improvements,	355.59
Convention Fund—Two Payments,	100.00
Sunday-School Organ,	225.00
Frescoing Sunday-School, and Carpets,	306.48
Frescoing and Improving Church, New Carpets, Windows, Wire Screens for same, Furniture, etc.	2,684.87
St. Barnabas', Haddington, Consecration Collection,	89.66
Episcopal Hospital, Thanksgiving Collection,	117.59
Insurance,	60.00
Laid aside to Extinguish Ground-Rent,	10,000.00
	18,210.45
Deficit,	\$177.17

The Warden can add very little to the remarks previously made in these Reports regarding the current expenses of the Church. As will be seen by the above statement, there was a deficit again at the close of the year. This was in part owing to extra expenses incurred by reason of the alterations and improvements, and from the fact that the ground-rent pledges mentioned last year being for the most part merged into the subscriptions to extinguish that, there was an interest account against us until nearly the first of July. It may be as well to mention here that the holder of the ground-rent has declined to receive the money, as he has the right to do, and that therefore the Warden has loaned out the amount until such time as payment can be made—at the most in two years—and has collaterals deposited against the same.

The Warden again presents a statement of the revenue and expenses estimated for the coming year, and is also glad to announce that the deficiency of the past year, by reason of the generous responses of the Congregation to the appeal of the Vestry, has been already covered.

Expenses, 1883, Estimated,	\$3,600
Revenue, Estimated:	
Pew-Rents,	\$2,200
Sunday Collections,	600
Subscriptions,	100
Sunday-School,	300
	3,200
Apparent Deficit,	\$400

This can readily be met by a little effort on the part of all. There are many unrented pews which should be taken, and, the cost being so small, they are certainly within the reach of all.

We now turn to the work of the Association, as confided to the several Committees.

FIRST—Sunday-Schools and Bible-Classes.

Number on the Roll:	
Officers and Teachers,	70
Scholars,	958
Last Year,	1,028 964

The average attendance during the entire year has been :

Officers and Teachers,	58
Scholars,	668
	726
Last year,	706
The largest attendance was December 24th,	905
The smallest attendance was August 27th,	365
Exclusive of July and August, the average attendance of Teachers and Scholars was	774

As during the previous summer, there was a Morning Session during the two summer months, and there was a noticeable increase in the attendance over the former year. Notice was given of the change to every teacher and scholar, by postal-cards, both at the commencement and close of this morning session. The Superintendent frequently communicates with the members of the School by this means, and has found it to be a valuable aid.

The Uniform Scheme of Diocesan Lessons is still used and taught in all the classes. The Standard of the Cross leaflets are taken and distributed as in the past, and the paper itself given to each teacher; and here it may be proper to state that the subscription list is made up entirely by the efforts of the teachers, at

a yearly collection for this purpose. The advantage of a paper like the Standard of the Cross is readily seen, as full news of the Church, both here and abroad, is furnished to the teachers, in addition to the Lesson Notes. It may also be as well to mention that the Bible-Class Teachers' Notes, alluded to last year, and prepared by a teacher of one of our own Bible-Classes, are not only published weekly in the Standard, but also appear in the Episcopal Register of this city. Thus the influence of our School is felt not only in our own Diocese, but also outside; and as we have had occasion to remark before, the Sunday-School Association of our Church in this city, which has done so successful and interesting a work, had its origin in the Sunday-School of the Holy Apostles.

The weekly Teachers' Meetings are continued every Friday evening, except that during the summer they were combined with the Wednesday evening service. They are attended, as in previous years, by the older scholars, who may have a desire eventually to teach, and the instruction is aimed to be of such a kind as to educate them for this noble work. The large number of these graduates—twenty in all—now teaching in our School, is the best evidence of the practical effect of this meeting. Your Committee would here remark that they believe many troublesome Sunday-School questions are solved by an undertaking like this. We believe that the ground of the success of our School is found here, and we are fully persuaded that one of the reasons why so few men are now to be seen teaching in the Sunday-School is that they have never been educated, when young, with the idea that this was to be expected of them. In addition, the fact that so many older boys and girls are found in the Sunday-School, and this for the reason that when a good and faithful teacher is found to have an influence over scholars, they are not taken away to be graded into a Bible-Class.

The average attendance at these meetings has been:

Teachers,	35
Others,	14
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	49

The usual Christmas services were held on Christmas Eve, by the Main School and Bible-Classes. The carols were finely

sung, and addresses delivered by Rev. W. N. McVickar and Mr. L. H. Redner. The Infant School exercises were on Tuesday afternoon, December 26th, and on the same evening the Christmas Festival of the School was held, a varied and amusing entertainment being provided.

The same plan was followed this year in bringing to the School Building, on the afternoon before Christmas, donations of provisions, poultry, groceries, etc., for distribution among those not so highly favored. A very much larger number of articles was brought than on any former occasion, and distribution was made to more than twenty families.

The Easter Anniversary exercises were held on the evening of that day, when the Rector and Rev. Dr. Currie made addresses.

The offerings of the scholars for the several Sundays of the month are still arranged as follows:

First Sunday—For the Poor of the School.

Second Sunday—For the Expenses of the Church.

Third Sunday—For the Expenses of the School.

Fourth and Fifth Sunday—For Missionary and Charitable Purposes.

This plan works admirably.

During the season of Lent, the School, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, made its entire offering for missionary purposes. To aid in the interest, the School was divided into sections, and to each was assigned a specific object. Thus, to the

Seven Bible-Classes,	Bishop Vail.
First Division, Boys' Classes,	Rev. J. A. Gilfillan.
Second " " "	Bishop Whipple.
First " Girls' "	Bishop Penick.
Second " " "	Mexico.
Infant School,	{ The Sheltering Arms. Children's Hospital.

The Lenten offering amounted to \$504.67, being the largest of any School reporting to the Committee.

The frescoing of the School, spoken of in the last Report, was accomplished without expense to the Church, part of the funds being contributed by the teachers and scholars, and the remainder from an entertainment resulting in \$128. The Main Room has been made very bright and attractive. During these improvements, the sessions of the School were held in the Church.

A new feature of the School work is the inauguration of a series of special services for the scholars and teachers, held in the Church on Sunday evenings, at stated intervals. The middle aisle is reserved, and the attendance has been very gratifying. The regular evening service is used, with familiar hymns, and addresses instead of a sermon.

We have been favored during the year with visits from clergymen and laymen, which have been duly appreciated. Archdeacon Kirkby delivered a thrilling missionary address on Easter Monday evening, and Bishop Harris, of Michigan, spent the afternoon of December 10th with us. Mr. Agnew, one of the Secretaries of the Church of England Sunday-School Institute, was present also at one of our sessions.

While all these evidences of outward growth and prosperity are very gratifying, we are devoutly thankful that a tone of serious attention has pervaded the School. The result of this was seen at the Confirmation; when, of the thirty-four confirmed, twenty-eight were from the Sunday-School, the very unusual sight being presented of the majority being males—there being fifteen, with thirteen female scholars.

The Sunday-School Library numbers nearly 800 volumes; the Teachers' Reference Library, 250.

The Treasurer of the School reports as follows, his accounts being made up to date:

Balance on hand from 1882,	\$116.35
Total Amount of Contributions and Collections, 1882,	1,236.81
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All of which was collected in the School, and expended as follows:	\$1,353.16

Support of Sunday-School, including Books and Leaflets, Papers, Decorating the Building, and Expenses of Christmas and Easter Anniversaries,	\$425.43
Support of the Church,	111.17
Poor of the Sunday-School,	86.00

Missionary Purposes:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Rev. Mr. Jones, Hayti,	\$15.00
Mexican League,	65.28
Bishop Penick,	81.41
Dr. Newton, publishing Arabic Book,	13.18
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Amounts carried forward,	174.87

Amounts carried forward, \$797.47 \$1,353.16

Amounts brought forward,	\$797.47	\$1,353.16
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Episcopal Church, Hulmeville, Pa.	\$17.42
Indian Training-School, Carlisle, Pa.	25.00
Bishop Vail,	115.25
Rev. J. A. Gilfillan,	65.66
Bishop Whipple, White Earth, Minn.	50.32
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	273.65

CITY MISSIONS.

Society to Protect Children from Cruelty,	\$18.41
Episcopal Hospital,	31.86
Sheltering Arms,	62.66
Children's Hospital,	25.00
S. S. Association, P. E. Church,	10.00
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	147.93
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Balance on hand,	1,219.05

Balance on hand, \$134.11

SECOND COMMITTEE.—*Parish Library.*

The Chairman of this Committee deplores the fact that so few of the books are used. This Library contains about 900 volumes; but two of the cases has been removed to the larger Bible-Class Room, and are availed of at the Tuesday evening social gatherings.

A Committee of the Association, with the Chairman of this Committee at its head, is now considering the feasibility of combining all the Libraries in the building under one head and in one room; this is, of necessity, a matter requiring careful consideration.

The plan adopted by many Parish Libraries, of availing largely of the cheap publication of standard literature, may be worth a trial in our Library; at any rate, the bringing of such works within the reach of all has been one cause why our Library is not better patronized. At the same time, it is a cause for encouragement that so powerful an antidote has been found to baneful and pernicious books.

THIRD COMMITTEE.—*Church Hospitality.*

As has been stated before in these Reports, it is impossible for this Committee to give any statistical account of their work, their duty being to attend before and after the stated services on Sundays and during the week, to extend a welcome to strangers who may be present and furnish them with seats. They also have

been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, and of bringing others into the Sunday-School, besides aiding to increase the revenues of the Church by the renting of pews and sittings.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.—*District Visiting.*

The members of this Committee have paid about two hundred visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, and received a number of donations of garments, etc.; they have been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday-School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor, with which it has co-operated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy. They believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches, they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

The Sick Diet Kitchen, established by the Episcopal City Mission, has also been a great help to this Committee, and grateful acknowledgment is expressed for its aid.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.—*Music.*

This Committee is composed of those who voluntarily occupy the positions of Choir in the Church. There are at present thirty-three members, divided as follows:

Soprano voices,	16
Alto "	8
Tenor "	2
Bass "	5
Leader and Organist,	2

They are under the instruction, weekly, of Mr. George F. Bishop, and meet every Saturday evening for rehearsal. The average attendance at the Sunday services is about twenty-five, with faithful attention to the weekly rehearsals. The Church Hymnal of Rev. Mr. Hutchins has been in use for several years, and was adopted as furnishing the best general arrangement of tunes and chants within reach. A great benefit—one which will

be appreciated by all choir-masters—is the assignment, by this means, of a specified tune to each hymn.

The music, as in the past, is plain and simple in its character, the object being to lead the Congregation in the praises of the Sanctuary.

SIXTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Men's Association.*

The work of this Committee, which consists in being present at the Tuesday evening social meeting for the older boys and young men, which was closed in May, was begun again in November, and has continued as in previous years. The lower rooms of the Parish Building are opened on these evenings from seven to ten o'clock. The time is spent in reading newspapers, books, pamphlets, etc., and in the use of amusing and instructive games. These exercises are occasionally interspersed with humorous and selected readings, with addresses.

Another part of the work of this Committee, and which grew out of these social evenings, has been the organization, nearly a year ago, of the Young Men's Literary Association. This Association meets every Thursday evening. The Rector and Superintendent are, *ex-officio*, President and First Vice-President, and one of the teachers Second Vice-President; the Third Vice-President, and the other officers, are from among the young men. Several of the male teachers of the Sunday-School have taken great interest in this Association, and their constant attendance has been of great benefit. The young men have also exhibited considerable ability in the literary work assigned, and have also given substantial proofs of their own desire for the good of the Church. The meetings are conducted with great decorum and under parliamentary law, and your Committee commends this effort to the good wishes and interest of all.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

We have again to present an encouraging Report from this work.

The meetings, as usual, were suspended during the summer, the last session being held May 2d, and resumed on November 14th.

As in last year's Report, the object of this effort may be briefly stated: To interest the older girls of our School in making

garments which may be distributed to needy children in the Sunday-School, and to teach writing to those who may desire to improve themselves in this way, and to promote a kindly social feeling. The Bible-Class Room is used for this purpose, and the doors between it and the Lecture Room are kept open, so that the Young Men's Reading Room and Young Ladies' Sewing Circle are virtually thrown together. Through the kindness of some friends, a piano has been furnished, and, as many of our scholars are learning to play upon that instrument, there is music furnished every evening. Your Committee would gladly welcome any from the Congregation who feel an interest in looking at this work. They will be well repaid for stopping in some Tuesday evening, and looking at the cheerful rooms and bright happy faces of the scholars.

During the coming Lenten season, this Committee will unite with that of the Ladies' Committee on Missionary Work, so as to interest the young ladies in it.

EIGHTH COMMITTEE.—*Missionary Work.*

This comprises a large number of the ladies, who meet during Lent, in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Last season, their work was for a clergyman of the Church in Colorado, and a large box of useful articles for himself and family, with books for a Mission Church, and a Communion Service, were forwarded before Easter. It is impossible here to enumerate the articles sent; the money value of the box, as reported and credited in the "Spirit of Missions," was \$219.06.

The same Committee is already organized for work during the approaching Lenten season, and will aid a clergyman in Kansas.

Probably very few persons have any idea of the amount of real good that is done in the sending of such boxes as these. On the frontier, the salary of a clergyman often amounts to a few hundred dollars, and he is obliged to support a family. The letters received by the Committee from this recipient were full of gratitude and thankfulness.

NINTH COMMITTEE.—*Entertainments.*

These have comprised six illustrated lectures by W. F. Bick, on London, which resulted in no profit, but afforded much

instruction and delight to those who attended the course; and an entertainment, literary and musical, given in February, by the Sunday-School, towards paying for their improvements, and produced the handsome amount, clear of expenses, of \$128.

TENTH COMMITTEE.—*Dressing and Decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter.*

This work, which cannot, of course, be described, was carefully and faithfully attended to.

As in several former years, a Special Committee was appointed to co-operate with All Saints Church in an excursion to Atlantic City. This took place in August, and the profit amounted to \$19.50.

At the meeting of the Association in December, after an earnest address by Rev. Henry S. Getz, Secretary of the Diocesan Branch of the Church Temperance Society, a Committee was chosen to whom the whole subject of a Parish organization was referred, in connection with the Rector. After several consultations, it was decided to arrange for such a branch in this Church, and the matter is now in progress; so that by the next meeting of the Association, in February, it is hoped the desired result may have been accomplished.

In addition to the above-named Committees, there have been special ones of male members, who have assisted in preserving order and seating those in attendance at the Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1882,	\$49.41
Cash received from Entertainments, Excursion, etc.	255.28
Donations,	60.00
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\$364.69

PAYMENTS.

Printing Annual Report,	\$22.50
Church Warden, from Entertainments, etc.	240.18
Special Donation, applied to Sunday-School	
Improvements,	60.00
Young Men's Social Meeting,	15.00
Incidentals,	5.70
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	343.38
Balance,	\$21.31

Grouping together, then, these various Treasurers' Reports, we find the totals as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From all sources—Pew-Rents, Collections, Donations, Subscriptions, Offertory, etc., and including Balances from 1882,	\$19,455.69
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PAYMENTS.

Support of the Church, including Interest on Ground-Rent, Insurance, etc.,	\$4,031.55
Repairs and Improvements,	355.59
Convention Fund, two years,	100.00
Sunday-School Organ,	225.00
Frescoing and Improving Sunday-School Room,	366.48
Frescoing and Improving Church, New Carpets, etc.	2,684.87
Support of Sunday-Schools,	425.43
Sundries and Incidental,	43.20
Missionary and Charitable Purposes,	1,245.32
Placed in Special Fund, against which collateral is held in trust for payment of Ground-Rent,	10,000.00
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	19,477.44

General Deficit,	\$21.75
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ACCOUNTED FOR.

Warden Deficit,	\$177.17
S. S. Treasury Balance,	\$134.11
Parish Association Balance,	21.31
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	155.42
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	\$21.75

There has thus been presented to you, as briefly and yet as fully as possible, the work of the Parish for the past year; and while it is well to thus systematize the various departments of our Church work, we should ever bear in mind that there is another growth which we should endeavor to secure—that spoken of by the Apostle St. Peter in his second Epistle, where he says:

“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

That this may ever be the aim of every member of this Congregation, is the sincere wish of

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, RECTOR,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,

Committee.